GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Religious - Extension of Pension and D.C.R.G. benefits, to the regular temple employees, who joined service prior to 01-09-2004 in (1) Sri Swayambu Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Devasthanam, Kanipakam, (2) Sri Mahanandeswara Swamy Devasthanam, Mahanandi, (3) Sri Nettikanti Anjaneya Swamy Devasthanam, Kasapuram, and (4) Sri Tirupathamma Ammavari Devasthanam, Penganchiprolu – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 146 **Dated: 02-04-2018**

Read the following:

(1) G.O.Ms.No.403, Revenue (Endts.IV) Dept., Dt.05-03-1984.
(2) G.O.Ms.No.247, Revenue (Endts.V) Dept., Dt.06-03-1986.
(3) G.O.Ms.No.680, Revenue (Endts.II) Dept., Dt.15-07-1987.
(4) G.O.Ms.No.507, Revenue (Endts-II) Dept., Dt:28-06-1996.
(5) G.O.Ms.No.487, Revenue (Endts-IV) Dept., Dt:01-07-1998.
(6) G.O.Ms.No.990, Revenue (Endts-II) Dept., Dt:21-05-2005.
(7) Govt.Memo.No.77160/Endts.I(2)/2000, Dt.29-06-2006.
(8) From the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Letter in Rc.No.B1/33991/2002, Dt.23-11-2011.
(9) From the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Letter in Rc.No.C1/5456/2016, Dt.15-07-2016.
(10) From the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Letter in Rc.No.C1/1307/2017, Dt.21-02-2017.
(11) From the President, A.P.Major Temple Employees Welfare Federation, representation Dt.01-11-2016.
(12) From the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Letter in Rc.No.C1/5456/2016, Dt.21-01-2018.

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ORDER:

In the G.Os 1st to 6th read above, Pension and Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity (D.C.R.G.) benefits, under Revised Pension Rules, 1980, and the rules in force, from time-to-time, were extended to the temple employees of (1) Sri Varaaha Laxmi Narasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Simhachalam; (2) Sri Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy Devasthanam, Annavaram; (3) Sri Venkateswara Swamy Devasthanam, Dwaraka Tirumala; (4) Sri Bramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy varla Devasthanam, Srisailam; (5) Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy varla Devasthanam, Vijayawada; (6) Sri Kalahastheeswara Swamy Devasthanam, Srikalahasthi; (7) Sri Kanaka Mahalakshmi Ammavari Temple, Visakhapatnam; and (8) Mutt employees of Sri Swamy Hathiramji Mutt, Tirupathi, respectively, subject to incur the expenditure from their own temple funds/resources and with the interest accrued on the 'Corpus Fund' created and kept in the form of Fixed Deposits, for this purpose.

2. In the reference 7th read above, Government proposed to introduce the said Pension Scheme facility to the temple staff in cadre temples, which creates a "Corpus Fund" with an amount of Rs.1.00 Crore, exclusively for Pensionary & other benefits; and the Pension, etc., will be paid to them from the interest accrued/earned on the above 'Corpus Fund' and accordingly requested the Commissioner, Endowments Department, with a request to address the Executive Officers of the temples, for giving their consent to create "Corpus Fund" with an amount of Rs.1.00 Crore, exclusively for the Pensionary benefits, etc., to the employees of respective temples and furnish the list of temples, who were given consent, to the Government.

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3. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, the Commissioner, Endowments Department, has submitted the reports of the Executive Officers of Sri Mahanandeeswara Swamy Devasthanam, Mahanandi; Sri Varasiddi Vinayaka Swamy Devasthanam, Kanipakam; Sri Nettikanti Anjaneya Swamy Devasthanam, Kasapuram; and Sri Tirupathamma Ammavari Devasthanam, Penganchiprolu, for implementation of Pension Scheme to their temple employees, as they have followed the Government instructions issued in the reference 7th read above.

4. In the reference 9th read above, the Commissioner, Endowments Department, has informed that the employees of Kanipakam, Penuganchiprolu, Kasapuram & Mahanandi Devasthanams, have filed W.P. Nos.6203/2014, 24956, 24974 & 38511 of 2013 in the Hon'ble High Court, for implementation of Pension Scheme to them, on par with other similarly situated Institutions/Temples, where the Pension Scheme is already implemented. The Hon'ble High Court disposed off all the above W.P. Nos. 6203/2014 (Order Dt.05-03-2014), 24956/2013 (Order Dt.20-03-2014), 24974/2013 (Order Dt.20-03-2014) and 38511/2013 (Order Dt.29-01-2014) with a similar direction, which is extracted below:

Order:

"The Writ Petitions are disposed off directing 2nd respondent-Commissioner of Endowments, to forward the proposal of the respondent temples to the 1st respondent-State Government for consideration, as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of 6 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the order, and on receipt of the same, 1st respondent-State Government, shall consider the proposal and pass appropriate orders, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of two months thereafter. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any pending in this Writ Petitions, shall stand closed".

5. In the references 10th & 12th read above, the Commissioner, Endowments Department, has reported that the temple employees of the above (4) Devasthanams have also represented that some of the employees are being retired and they are facing difficulties due to non-receiving of Pension, after their retirement. The 'Corpus Fund' was already created by the Temples as per the instructions of the Government and the interest accrued from the 'Corpus Fund' is sufficient to bear the expenditure for payment of Pension, to the retired employees. The Pensions of the retired employees will be borne by the respective temples only. Therefore, she has requested the Government to consider the proposal and also requested to issue necessary orders for extending the Scheme of Pension and D.C.R.G. benefits to them, on par with other Major Temples wherein, the Pension Scheme is being implemented effectively.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter in detail, hereby order to extend the Pension and Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity benefits, under Revised Pension Rules, 1980, and the rules in force, from time-to-time, to the regular temple employees of (1) Sri Swayambu Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Devasthanam, Kanipakam, Chittoor District, (2) Sri Mahanandeswara Swamy Devasthanam, Mahanandi, Kurnool District, (3) Sri Nettikanti Anjaneya Swamy Devasthanam, Kasapuram, Ananthapuram District; and (4) Sri Tirupathamma Ammavari Devasthanam, Penganchiprolu, Krishna District, who have joined the service **before 01-09-2004**, as was done earlier, in respect of 7 other Major Temples (i.e., Joint Commissioner/ Deputy Commissioner Cadre Temples) and One Sri Swamy Hathiramji Mutt, Tirupathi, Chittoor District, in the State, in the interest of social justice, subject to incur the expenditure from their own temple funds/resources; and with the interest accrued on the 'Corpus Fund' created and kept in the form of Fixed Deposits by the above (4) Devasthanams, for this purpose.

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7. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Vijayawada, shall take necessary further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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